

Summary

A Document Concerning the Establishment of the Teke Sanjak (Antalya) as an Autonomous Province and Its Administrative Status

In this article, following a brief consideration of the administrative status of Teke Sanjak (the province of Antalya) until the beginnings of the 20th century, the developments towards establishing its autonomy is analyzed. Efforts were made over a long period to reach this objective which was advanced with an administrative draft proposed by the Governor Kemal Bey of Crete. As this proposal was being approved with modifications by Sadaret (the Prime Ministry) on March 12, 1914, the Ministry of the Interior also forwarded a proposal, pending its legislative acceptance, which was temporarily approved with the signatures of the Sultan (padişah), Grand Vizier (sadrazam), and the Minister of the Interior.

The legislative proposal designating the Teke Sanjak as an autonomous province was, after being accepted by the senate and the Parliament, put into effect by the approval of Sultan Mehmed Reşad on July 23, 1914. Thus Antalya attained the administrative status that she carries today.